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Student experience

eReader UI updates





We're updating our eReader

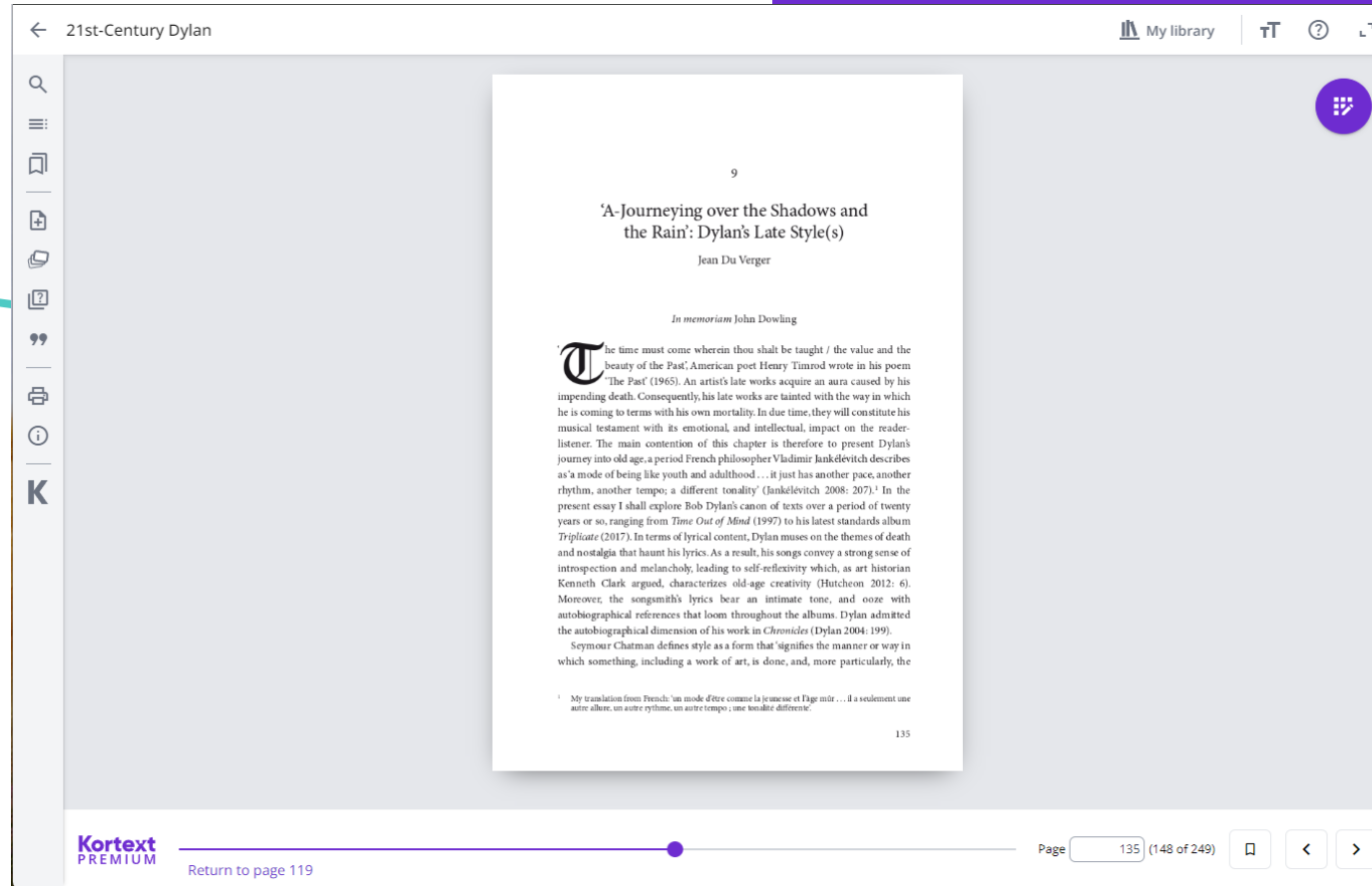
Earlier this year we implemented a new framework to our web applications. It saw us introduce some subtle visual changes to our Library Acquisitions Portal back in February.

Similar visual optimisations are now being made to our eReader.



These updates include:

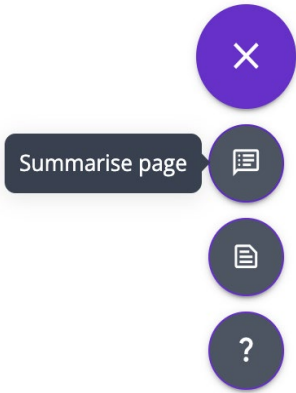
These icons have been reordered, grouped and updated visually.



These icons have been updated and vary, dependent on whether you're in an EPUB or a PDF.

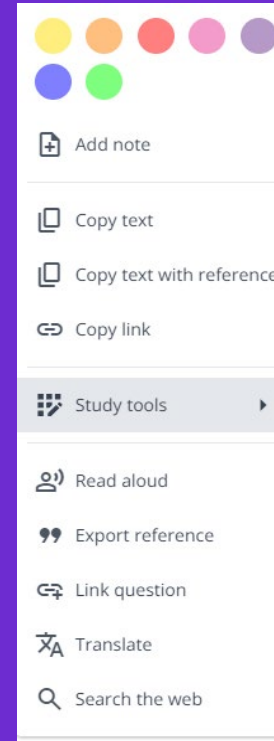
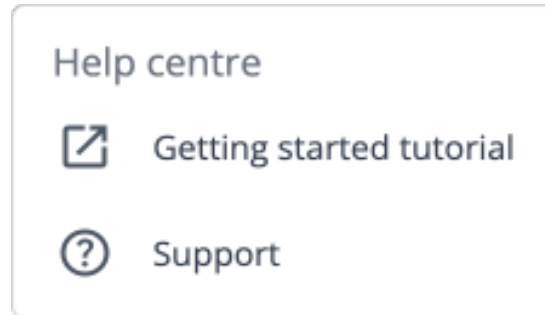
The footer's design and structure has been updated.

Other changes include:



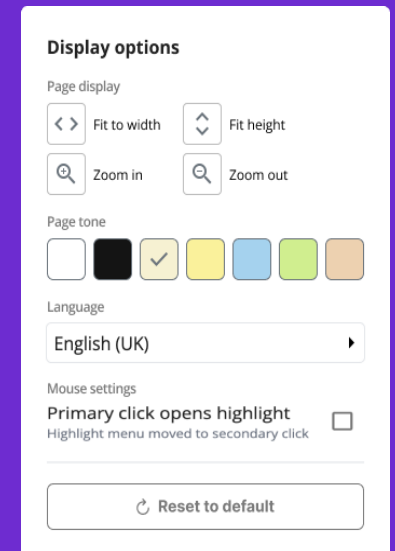
The AI features widget on Kortext Premium now has updated icons.

The help menu has new icons and has been reordered.



The menu that appears when text is highlighted as new icons, and the options have been reordered and grouped.

Icon changes and reordering has also occurred within the EPUB and PDF display options. (EPUB shown)





How does this help?

These subtle optimisations will significantly improve the user experience our eReader offers, streamlining digital learning. It also keeps the design fresh!



Library services

Regional availability





We've added regional availability

In this release, we are implementing a process to check a title's metadata to see where it can and cannot be sold.







If a customer is purchasing from a country where a title cannot be sold, they will see the title in the LAP, but they will be unable to add it to a basket. This is determined by the customer's address as recorded by Kortext.



Regional availability: Acquisitions – Search Kortex Tab

'Not available in your region'
overrides any other book availability
status on the search results page.

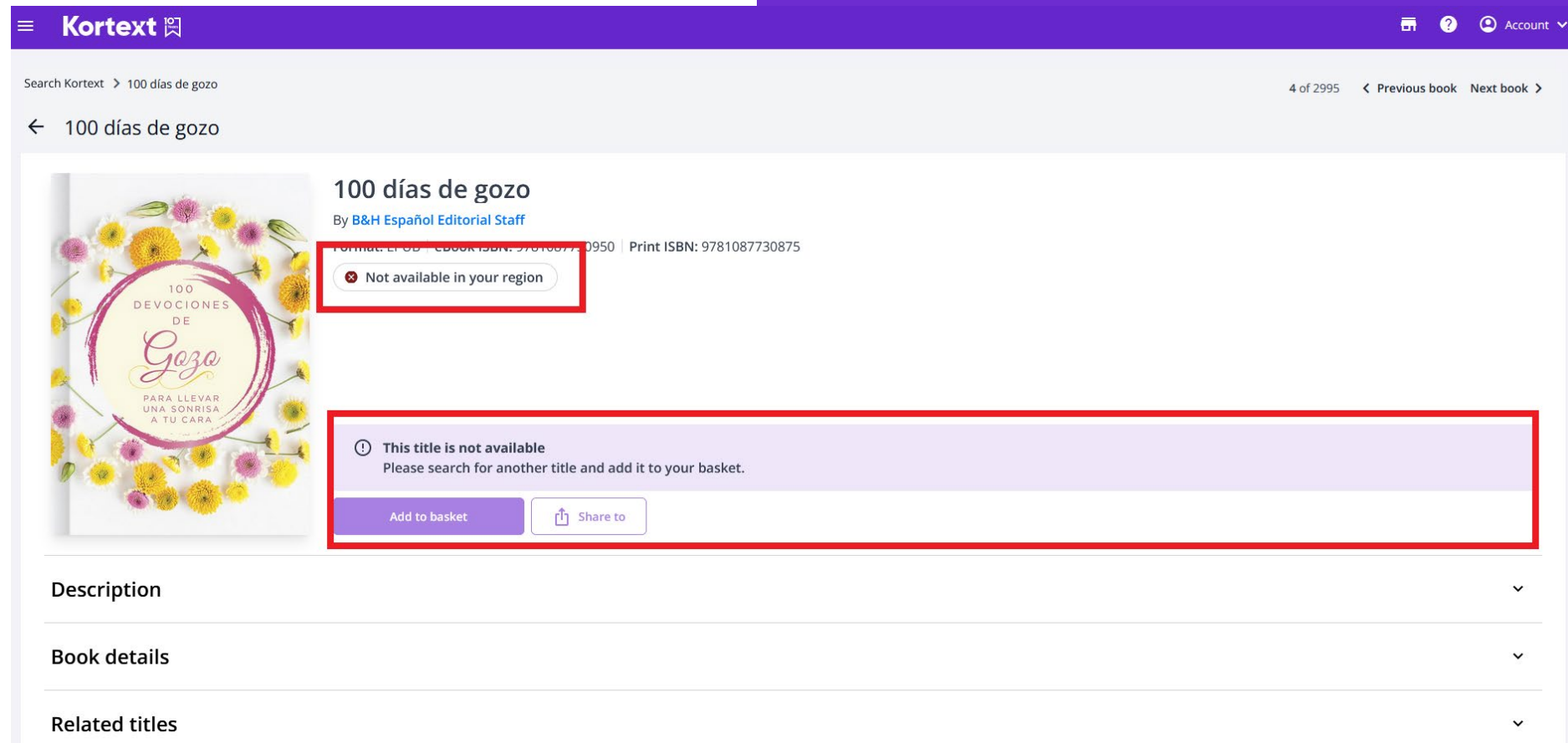
The screenshot shows the Kortex Acquisitions interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Kortex logo and a search bar. Below that, there are tabs for 'Order baskets', 'Requests', and 'Search Kortex'. A search bar with the text 'Search Kortex' is present. To the right of the search bar are filters for 'Author', 'Publisher', and 'Publication year'. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: Title, Author, Publisher, eBook ISBN, Published, Availability, and Actions. The table contains six rows of book entries. The 'Availability' column for the book '100 dias de gozo' is highlighted with a red box, and the status 'Not available in your region' is also highlighted with a red box.

Title ↑↓	Author ↑↓	Publisher ↑↓	eBook ISBN ↑↓	Published ↑↓	Availability	Actions
 "And So the Tomb Remained" Exploring Archaeology and Forensic Science within Connecticut's Historical Family Mausolea EPUB	Bellantoni, Nick	Casemate	9781789255034	2021	Temporarily unavailable	
 (Re) Figuring Human Enslavement: Images of Power, Violence and Resistance PDF	Pallua, Ulrich	Kortex	9783902719096	2009	Available	+ Add
 100 Scientists Who Made History EPUB	Mills, Andrea	Dorling Kindersley	9780241480403	2018	Permanently unavailable	
 100 dias de gozo Para llevar una sonrisa a tu cara EPUB	B&H Español...	B&H Academic Group	9781087730950	2021	Not available in your region	
 1000 Inventions and Discoveries 2 PDF	Bridgman, Roger	Dorling Kindersley	9780241478400	2020	Available	+ Add
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Regional availability:

Acquisitions – Search Kortext Tab, Book Details Page

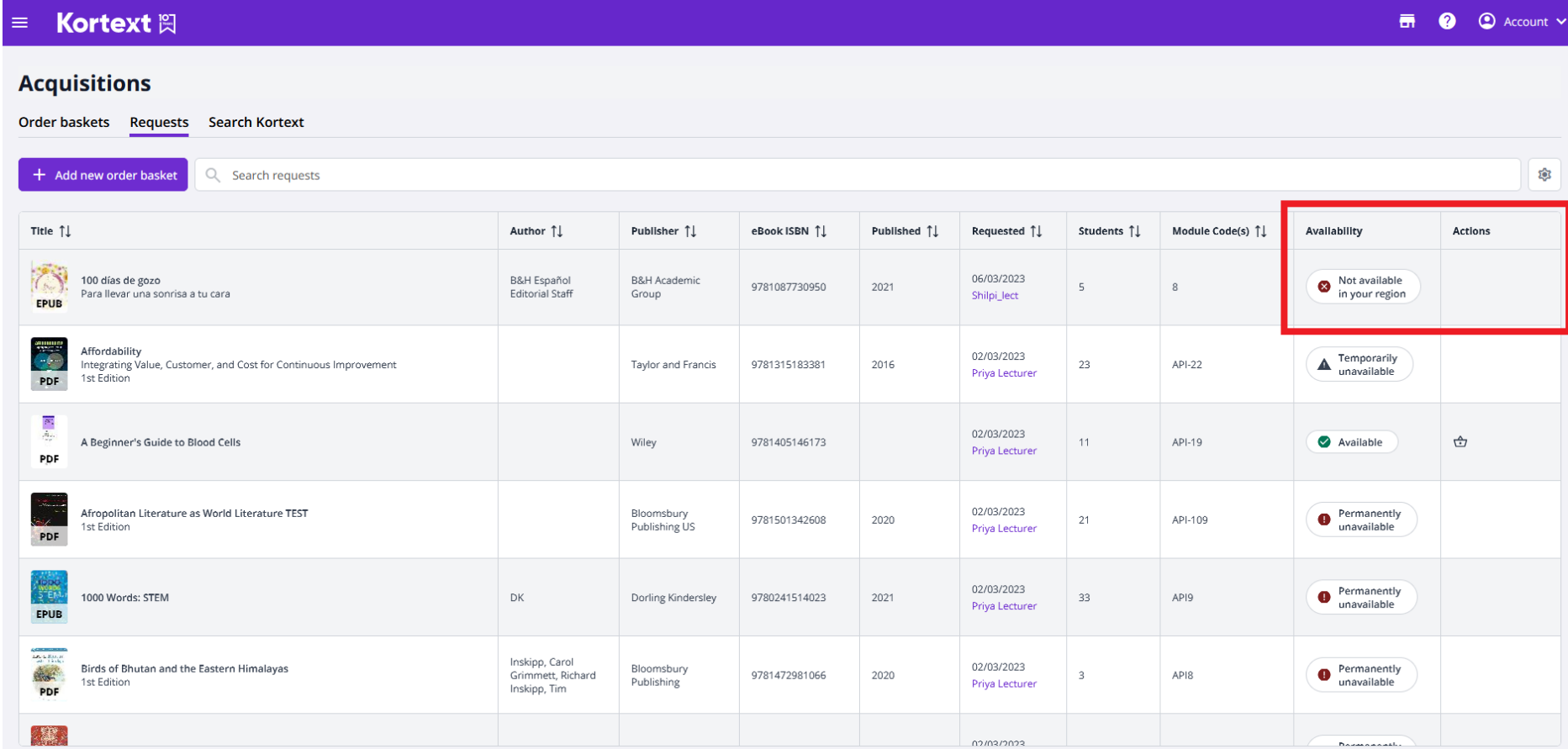
When a title is regionally unavailable, you will no longer be able to add the item to your basket.


















The screenshot displays the Kortext website interface. At the top, the Kortext logo is visible on the left, and navigation icons (home, help, account) are on the right. Below the header, the search path is 'Search Kortext > 100 días de gozo'. The main content area shows the book '100 días de gozo' by B&H Español Editorial Staff. The book cover features a circular arrangement of colorful flowers with the text '100 DEVOCIONES DE Gozo PARA LLEVAR UNA SONRISA A TU CARA'. A red box highlights a message: 'Not available in your region'. Below this, a larger red box highlights a purple error message: 'This title is not available. Please search for another title and add it to your basket.' At the bottom of this error box are two buttons: 'Add to basket' and 'Share to'. Below the error message, there are three expandable sections: 'Description', 'Book details', and 'Related titles', each with a downward arrow icon.

Regional availability: Acquisitions – Requests Tab

A new category has been added within the academic requests tab to make users aware of regional availability before submitting their request.



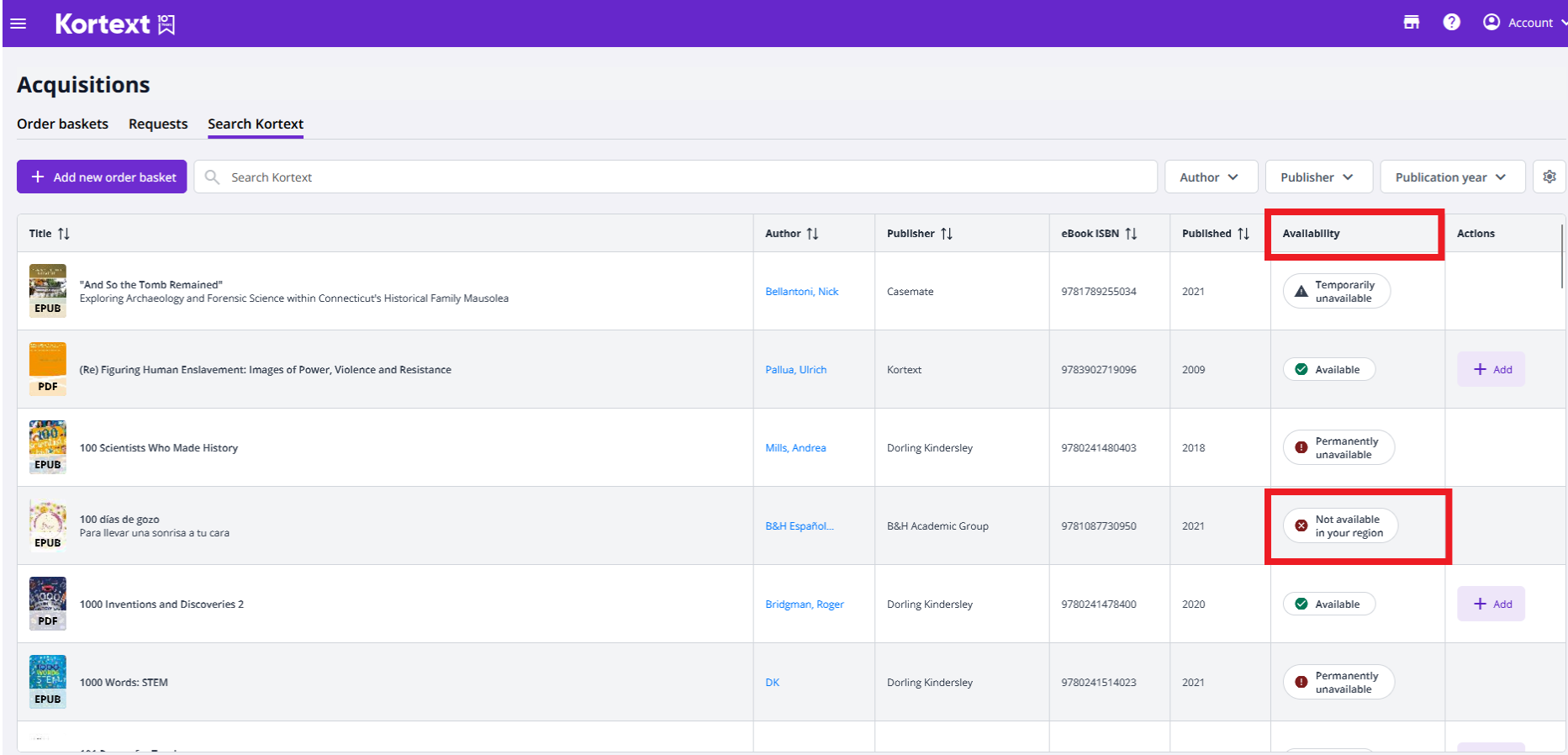
The screenshot shows the Kortext interface for the 'Acquisitions' section, specifically the 'Requests' tab. A table lists various book requests with columns for Title, Author, Publisher, eBook ISBN, Published, Requested, Students, Module Code(s), Availability, and Actions. The 'Availability' column is highlighted with a red box, showing different status icons: a red 'X' for 'Not available in your region', a warning triangle for 'Temporarily unavailable', a green checkmark for 'Available', and a red 'i' for 'Permanently unavailable'.

Title ↑↓	Author ↑↓	Publisher ↑↓	eBook ISBN ↑↓	Published ↑↓	Requested ↑↓	Students ↑↓	Module Code(s) ↑↓	Availability	Actions
 100 días de gozo Para llevar una sonrisa a tu cara EPUB	B&H Español Editorial Staff	B&H Academic Group	9781087730950	2021	06/03/2023 Shilpi_lect	5	8	 Not available in your region	
 Affordability Integrating Value, Customer, and Cost for Continuous Improvement 1st Edition PDF		Taylor and Francis	9781315183381	2016	02/03/2023 Priya Lecturer	23	API-22	 Temporarily unavailable	
 A Beginner's Guide to Blood Cells PDF		Wiley	9781405146173		02/03/2023 Priya Lecturer	11	API-19	 Available	
 Afropolitan Literature as World Literature TEST 1st Edition PDF		Bloomsbury Publishing US	9781501342608	2020	02/03/2023 Priya Lecturer	21	API-109	 Permanently unavailable	
 1000 Words: STEM EPUB	DK	Dorling Kindersley	9780241514023	2021	02/03/2023 Priya Lecturer	33	API9	 Permanently unavailable	
 Birds of Bhutan and the Eastern Himalayas 1st Edition PDF	Inskipp, Carol Grimmett, Richard Inskipp, Tim	Bloomsbury Publishing	9781472981066	2020	02/03/2023 Priya Lecturer	3	API8	 Permanently unavailable	
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Regional availability:

Acquisitions – Requests Tab, Book Details Page

When a title is tagged as regionally unavailable, the user will no longer be able to add it to their basket or share the book.



The screenshot shows the 'Acquisitions' page in the Kortex system. The page has a navigation bar with 'Kortex' and 'Account' options. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Order baskets', 'Requests', and 'Search Kortex'. A search bar and filters for 'Author', 'Publisher', and 'Publication year' are present. The main content is a table of books with columns for Title, Author, Publisher, eBook ISBN, Published, Availability, and Actions. The 'Availability' column is highlighted with a red box. One row, '100 dias de gozo Para llevar una sonrisa a tu cara', has its 'Availability' cell highlighted with a red box, showing 'Not available in your region' with a red 'x' icon. Other rows show 'Temporarily unavailable', 'Available', and 'Permanently unavailable' statuses.

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Why is this important?

Once live, users will ONLY be able to add books to an order basket that are available for sale in their geographic location.

This means that if a title has availability, price and a selected licence, we can process the order automatically with little or no human intervention.

There is also no longer a need for a Kortext team member to contact the institution to inform them that a title isn't available in their region and must be removed/replaced.



Thank you for your attention!

